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(b)(1) Any technical proposal under step one of two-step sealed bidding or modification, revision, or withdrawal of such proposal received at the Government office designated in the request for technical proposals after the exact time specified for receipt will not be considered unless the Contracting Officer determines that accepting the late technical proposal would not unduly delay the acquisition; and—

(i) If it was transmitted through an electronic commerce method authorized by the request for technical proposals, it was received at the initial point of entry to the Government infrastructure not later than 5:00 p.m. one working day prior to the date specified for receipt of proposals; or

(ii) There is acceptable evidence to establish that it was received at the Government installation designated for receipt of offers and was under the Government's control prior to the time set for receipt; or

(iii) It is the only proposal received and it is negotiated under part 15 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation.

- (2) However, a late modification of an otherwise successful proposal that makes its terms more favorable to the Government will be considered at any time it is received and may be accepted.
- (c) Acceptable evidence to establish the time of receipt at the Government installation includes the time/date stamp of that installation on the technical proposal wrapper, other documentary evidence of receipt maintained by the installation, or oral testimony or statements of Government personnel.
- (d) If an emergency or unanticipated event interrupts normal Government processes so that technical proposals cannot be received at the Government office designated for receipt of technical proposals by the exact time specified in the request for technical proposals, and urgent Government requirements preclude amendment of the request for technical proposals, the time specified for receipt of technical proposals will be deemed to be extended to the same time of day specified in the request for technical proposals on the first work day on which normal Government processes resume.

(e) Technical proposals may be withdrawn by written notice received at any time before the exact time set for receipt of technical proposals. If the request for technical proposals authorizes facsimile technical proposals, they may be withdrawn via facsimile received at any time before the exact time set for receipt of proposals, subject to the conditions specified in the provision at 52.214-31, Facsimile Bids. A technical proposal may be withdrawn in person by a bidder or its authorized representative if, before the exact time set for receipt of technical proposals, the identity of the person requesting withdrawal is established and the person signs a receipt for the technical proposal.

(End of provision)

[64 FR 51840, Sept. 24, 1999]

## 52.214–24 Multiple Technical Proposals.

As prescribed in 14.201-6(s), insert the following provision:

MULTIPLE TECHNICAL PROPOSALS (APR 1984)

In the first step of this two-step acquisition, solicited sources are encouraged to submit multiple technical proposals presenting different basic approaches. Each technical proposal submitted will be separately evaluated and the submitter will be notified as to its acceptability.

(End of provision)

[48 FR 42478, Sept. 19, 1983, as amended at 50 FR 1747, Jan. 11, 1985; 50 FR 52429, Dec. 23, 1985]

## 52.214-25 Step Two of Two-Step Sealed Bidding.

As prescribed in 14.201–6(t), insert the following provision:

STEP TWO OF TWO-STEP SEALED BIDDING (APR 1985)

- (a) This invitation for bids is issued to initiate step two of two-step sealed bidding under subpart 14.5 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation.
- (b) The only bids that the Contracting Officer may consider for award of a contract are those received from bidders that have submitted acceptable technical proposals in step one of this acquisition under \_\_\_ [the Contracting Officer shall insert the identification of the step-one request for technical proposals].
- (c) Any bidder that has submitted multiple technical proposals in step one of this acquisition may submit a separate bid on each technical proposal that was determined to be acceptable to the Government.

(End of provision)

[48 FR 42478, Sept. 19, 1983, as amended at 50 FR 1747, Jan. 11, 1985; 50 FR 52429, Dec. 23, 1985]

## 52.214-26 Audit and Records—Sealed Bidding.

As prescribed in 14.201-7(a)(1), insert the following clause:

AUDIT AND RECORDS—SEALED BIDDING (OCT 2010)

(a) As used in this clause, *records* includes books, documents, accounting procedures